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Classified By: POL M/C Joseph Yun. Reasons 1.4 (b/d).

¶1. (C) ROK Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (MOFAT) Human Rights and Social Affairs Division Second Secretary Jung Jin-ho told Poloff that the ROKG looked favorably upon U.S. candidacy for membership in the UN Human Rights Council. As New Zealand had dropped out of the running, Jung noted, only the U.S., Belgium, and Norway remained to fill the three vacancies in the Western Group, so U.S. membership was virtually assured. As a UNHRC member state, the ROK looked forward to working with the U.S. on the Council.
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